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DMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER Docket No. SON-2321 Application No. Filing Date Art Unit Examiner 10/040,436-Conf. #4774 January 9, 2002 2134 J. E. Elmore Applicant(s): Hideaki Watanabe et al. PUBLIC KEY CERTIFICATE ISSUING SYSTEM, PUBLIC KEY CERTIFICATE ISSUING METHOD, DIGITAL CERTIFICATION APPARATUS, AND PROGRAM STORAGE MEDIUM TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application. The fee has been calculated and is transmitted as shown below. **CLAIMS AS AMENDED** Claims Highest Remaining Number Number Previously After **Extra Claims** Amendment Paid Present Rate **Total Claims** 13 20 Independent 4 6 Claims Multiple Dependent Claims (check if applicable) Other fee (please specify): TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT: 0.00 x Large Entity **Small Entity** x No additional fee is required for this amendment. Please charge Deposit Account No. in the amount of \$ A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed. A check in the amount of \$ to cover the filing fee is enclosed. Payment by credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached. X The Director is hereby authorized to charge and credit Deposit Account No. 18-0013 as described below. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed. x | Credit any overpayment. x Charge any additional filing or application processing fees required under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17. Dated: June 28, 2006 Ronald . Kanenen Attorney Reg. No.: 24,104 RADÉR, FISHMAN & GRAUER PLLC 1233 20th Street, N.W. Suite/501 Washington, DC 20036 (20/2) 955-3750



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AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Responsive to the Office Action dated April 7, 2006 and received in the abovereferenced patent application, please amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.